

HB 601 -- CERTIFICATION OF RADIOLOGY SERVICES

SPONSOR: Higdon

This bill requires certification by the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration in order to use radioactive substances or equipment emitting ionizing radiation or magnetic resonance for radiologic imaging or radiation therapy procedures on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. The bill authorizes the board to establish certification and scope of practice standards for any person performing limited X-ray machine operation, magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine advanced associate, nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy, radiography, and radiologist assistants. The bill creates the Radiologic Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Commission to assist and advise the board in matters relating to radiologic imaging and radiation therapy. A person certified under this bill can only perform radiologic imaging or radiation therapy procedures in the area of practice for which he or she is certified. The bill sets out the specific application requirements for the different areas of practice.

This bill is similar to HB 2613 (2016).